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JOHANNESBURG - A transportation strike in South Africa has forced the country's farmers to leave crops unpicked as cold stores fill up at ports, putting agricultural jobs and the industry's ability to compete globally at risk. The wage strike, which began May 10, has stopped all container vessels and has limited freight moved by rail, despite members of one of two labor unions accepting a revised offer last week.

- **GLOBAL: ARVs for prevention? Proceed with caution, say researchers**

PlusNews, 25 May 2010

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JOHANNESBURG - Two new studies have confirmed fears that the use of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs to prevent HIV could lead to drug resistance if inadvertently used by people who were already infected. The findings presented this week at the International Microbicides Conference in Pittsburgh, in the US, suggest that regular HIV testing would have to be an integral part of any prevention programme using ARVs.

- **GLOBAL: PMTCT could be key to cutting child mortality**

PlusNews, 25 May 2010

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JOHANNESBURG - Sub-Saharan Africa is struggling to meet the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of reducing child mortality but with greater access to prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT) services, some countries are slowly catching up. A new study by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington in Seattle, US, published on 24 May in the online edition of British medical journal The Lancet, compared mortality in children younger than five from 1970 to 2010 in 187 countries to chart progress towards reaching the goal.

WORLD CUP 2010

- **Exports, World Cup Lift South Africa GDP**

Robb M. Stewart, Wall Street Journal, Wednesday, May 26, 2010

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JOHANNESBURG—South Africa's economy grew at its fastest pace in more than 1 1/2 years as exports grew amid strengthened global demand and the country geared up to host the soccer World Cup, government data for the first quarter showed Tuesday. The economy should continue to benefit from the World Cup and a slow recovery in domestic consumer spending following last year's recession. It could be undermined by a continuing transport strike and by Europe's financial problems, which could crimp both tourism and demand for South African products.

- **Hotels urged to keep eye on human trafficking during World Cup**

The Georgia Bulletin [Catholic News Service], 26 May 2010

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WASHINGTON -- During June's World Cup in South Africa, hotels are being asked to watch for signs of human trafficking, especially child trafficking. Christian Brothers Investment Service has contacted eight international hotel chains asking them to take steps to be on guard against human trafficking and children being forced into prostitution.

- **South Africa: Special Courts Established for World Cup**

Celia W. Dugger, The New York Times, May 25, 2010

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/26/world/africa/26briefs-safrica.html>

The government will operate 56 special courts to handle offenses associated with the World Cup, the Justice Ministry said Tuesday. The aim of the courts, which will begin hearing cases on Friday and have 93 interpreters to translate the proceedings, is to ensure that cases involving the hundreds of thousands of tourists and soccer players visiting South Africa for the tournament are speedily managed, the ministry said.

- **SAfrica readies airports ahead of team arrivals**

Gerald Imray, Business Week, 25 May 2010

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9FU2EL00.htm>

JOHANNESBURG -- South Africa's network of airports that has been years in the making will be tested this week as the first teams arrive for the World Cup. Airports Company South Africa described the network Tuesday as "up there with the best." The three main international airports are in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban.

- **US World Cup team to visit White House**

USA Today [AP], 25 May 2010

http://www.usatoday.com/sports/soccer/2010-05-25-3219492221_x.htm

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — The U.S. World Cup team will visit the White House on Thursday. U.S. Soccer president Sunil Gulati says the entire team and President Clinton, the honorary chairman of the nation's bid for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, will attend. Gulati called it "a unique experience" to have two presidents, Clinton and Obama, and the team for a photo together.

ZIMBABWE RELATED

- **Zimbabweans Mark Africa Day But Observers Say Country Falls Short of AU Ideals**

Voice of America, 25 May 2010

<http://www1.voanews.com/zimbabwe/news/civil-society/Zimbabwe-Marks-Africa-Day-94845414.html>

Washington – Zimbabweans on Tuesday observed Africa Day, President Robert Mugabe igniting a flame of peace at Africa Day ceremonies in Harare and calling for Zimbabweans to maintain the ideals of the African Union's founders. The Movement for Democratic Change formation of Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai issued a statement saying it respects African institutions and values, hailing South Africa as a model of democracy for all of Africa and expressing confidence that the neighboring country will represent Africa well during the upcoming World Cup games.

- **ZIMBABWE: Life is just not getting any better**

IRIN News, 25 May 2010

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HARARE - The death of Zimbabwe's secretary for agriculture, Renson Gasela, and two other senior officials from the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in a car accident recently has highlighted the country's inability to respond to accidents, emergencies or disasters. It took more than eight hours for the men to receive assistance after the accident because police in the nearby southeastern mining town of Zvishavane had no transport, and fire brigade units had no fuel to make the 25km journey. Emergency services only arrived after the MDC secretary general, Welshman Ncube, provided fuel.